

## HEALTH OFFICER NOT SANGUINE

Break in Typhoid Has Not  
Come Yet.

MAY INCREASE NEXT MONTH

Will Be Some Time Before Beneficial  
Effects of Filtered Water Will  
Be Noticed.

### Typhoid Fever's Score in National Capital

Number of cases reported from noon yesterday to noon today...	11
Number of cases reported August 19, 1905...	5
Total number of cases since July 1, 1905...	340
Number of cases for same period in 1904...	205
Deaths since July 1, 1905...	37
Deaths during same period in 1904...	26

There has been little or no change in the typhoid fever situation during the last twenty-four hours. The Health Department officials are making no predictions for the future. There were no deaths reported for today or yesterday afternoon. Notices were received, however, up to noon, of five recoveries. Dr. Woodward, the Health Officer, was asked today if he did not think that indications pointed to a general break in the epidemic. He replied that there were twelve new cases yesterday, which could by no means be termed "a small number of cases."

**Like Last Year.**  
Last year about this time there was a similar decrease in the number of new cases and deaths, and it was thought that the high mark had been reached. But on August 22 there was a sudden change for the worse, twenty new cases being reported on that day. From then until the 1st of September each day's record was high.

**Fluctuations of Fever.**  
The Health Officer, therefore, having before him the regular history of typhoid fever epidemics, which show remarkable fluctuations, is justified in refusing to make any predictions in regard to the future. According to Dr. Woodward it will be three weeks before the effects of filtered water can be noticed at all. Terms taken into the system today may not develop until near the middle of September.

### Commissioners Want Control of Aqueduct

Mr. Macfarland said today that the Commissioners would undoubtedly present to Congress at the coming session the question of transferring the control of the Washington aqueduct system from the War Department to the District government.

The Commissioners went on to say that the only reason Congress did not transfer the Washington aqueduct system from the War Department to the Commissioners at the last session was because the Commissioners and the committees thought it best to wait until the War Department had completed the filtration plant, which it was thought would not be entirely finished until late in the present fiscal year. "It has been the desire of the Commissioners, certainly ever since I came into office," said Mr. Macfarland, "to have the Washington aqueduct and everything else under the War Department that could be brought under the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The aqueduct is a District service. We have, of course, to take care of the operation and maintenance, and in the case of the filtration plant we pay half the cost of construction and half the cost of its maintenance."

"We delayed bringing the matter forward until the filtration plant should be practically completed, but we did not want to interfere with the operation of the War Department under an existing law, but in the past summer we brought the matter to the attention of the War Department. The Chief of Engineers, Principal and Chief of Engineers, and presumably the War Department—since it would probably take his recommendation—would favor the transfer of the Washington Aqueduct and filtration plant to the Commissioners."

### Filtration Plant Not Ready for Use

Contrary to expectation, there will be no filtered water for the city today.

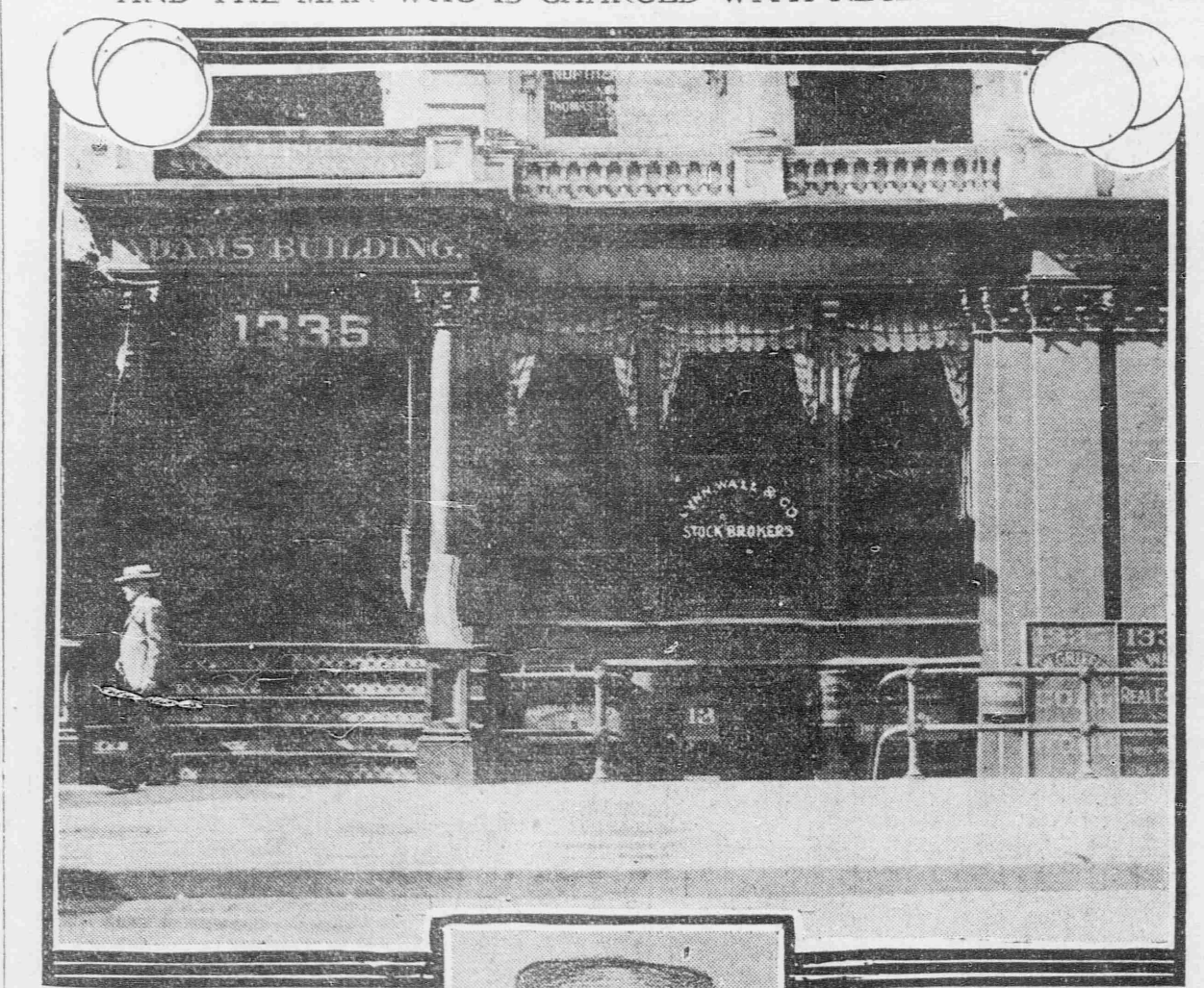
Last week the announcement was made that two filter beds were being prepared for immediate use, and that 6,000,000 gallons of pure water would be turned into the mains some time on Saturday.

It was thought that three days would be sufficient to test the pumps and other apparatus, but it was discovered today that the two beds cannot be put into use until tomorrow or perhaps Monday. Lieutenant Dent, the officer immediately in charge of the work on the filtration plant, made every effort to turn the water in today, but the process could not be completed in time. The preparations for the other filter-bed, Commissioner Macfarland has been informed, have been carried on simultaneously so that they will be put in service one after another at not less than one every other day, and maybe more rapidly. The Commissioner took occasion to remind the public that they must continue to boil the Potomac water until the last of the filter-beds necessary to cleanse the entire amount of water required for the daily consumption has been put into service.

A specimen of the filtered water from the first bed was brought to Mr. Macfarland's office this morning and showed how pure the water would be. In connection with domestic filters, Dr. Woodward, the Health Officer, today called attention to the fact that many used in the District are absolutely useless. While they produce a supply of water perfectly free from mud and a single germ is held back by the process. The cylinder through which the water passes should be taken out every five or six days and given a thorough boiling or baking, as bacteria leak through and get on the inside, and in the course of time come out with the water in quantities as great as though the filter were not in use.

**Everybody's Going to Chase's.**  
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## WHERE POLICE MADE RAID ON ALLEGED F STREET POOLROOM AND THE MAN WHO IS CHARGED WITH RECEIVING THE BETS



OFFICE OF LYNN, WALL & CO.

### "NOT A GAMBLING PLACE," SAYS RICE

His Trial Postponed Until  
Thursday.

"A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS"

Claims He Bet on Horses When He  
Thought Them Good, But Ran  
No Poolroom.

Campbell Carrington appeared in Police Court this morning for William P. Rice, who was arrested as the manager of an alleged poolroom in connection with the brokerage business of Lynn, Wall & Co., at 1335 F street northwest. Mr. Carrington had the trial postponed until Thursday morning.

Mr. Rice denied emphatically to a Times reporter this morning that Lynn, Wall & Co., had been accepting and placing bets. In explanation of the charge, Mr. Rice said:

"There are several of our clients who like to bet on the races, and I do the same thing when there is a horse running which I think will win. I do not, however, make a practice of the thing, and neither do my clients, to my knowledge. When there is a horse which we all like we make up a pool and send it out by one of our messengers."

"No Paraphernalia."  
"We have no paraphernalia whatever. We do not receive any information on the races in our office."

"I have been sick for about a month and the first time I have been at the office was last Sunday. When Detective Grant appeared around the office on Monday, I supposed that he was a new client, who had come to us while I was sick. He came to me and said that he had a couple of dollars he would like to bet on a horse."

"I told him that I was going to bet, myself, and would send his money out with mine. I put his name down, and the amount of the bet, and there he was, and I would not forget it, as I had been away, and considerable back work had accumulated."

"I do not see how the officers could think that I was running a poolroom, or that the place has anything but a legitimate broker's office."

The warrant charges that Arthur Wall and William P. Rice on the first day of August did then and there set up and keep a gaming table for the purpose of gaming and did entice and persuade persons to play on said gaming table.

### MRS. BABETTE SCHLOSS DEAD.

Mrs. Babette Schloss died yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Babette Rosenthal, 212 M street northwest, as the result of an illness incident to old age, she having reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. She was the widow of Nathan Schloss, of Baltimore, Md. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from the above address.

### ON MONTH'S VACATION.

Miss Sarah Crutt, of 3215 P street northwest, has gone to Hamilton, Louisiana, where she will spend one month's vacation.

### ESTABLISHED WHEAT RECORD.

The farm of Robert D. Weaver, of Wisconsin avenue, which is located at



WILLIAM P. RICE.

## CHINESE COUNSELOR ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

Wang-Ta Hsia, New Attache to the  
Legation, Is Authority on Can-  
ton-Hankow R. R.

Wang-Ta Hsia, one of the undersecretaries of the Chinese foreign office, will arrive in Washington on Monday and will become special counselor to the Chinese legation here.

Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, the Chinese Minister, returned to Washington last night from Amherst, Mass., where he has been spending the summer, in order to receive the new attache of the legation.

Wang-Ta Hsia's appearance here is believed to have to do with the Canton-Hankow railroad, now owned by the China-American Development Company, controlled by J. Pierpont Morgan, which China is desirous of having back, and with the Chinese boycott of American goods.

It is the custom of the Chinese foreign office to send representatives to the different embassies and legations throughout the world in order that Chinese ministers and ambassadors may be kept in close touch with Chinese policies that develop from time to time. This is the first time the legation at Washington has had a special counselor.

Wang-Ta Hsia and Sir Chentung are old friends. The former knows all about the Hankow railroad, and understands the great loss of prestige to the United States that would follow its sale.

Chentung will remain in Washington the rest of the summer.

## NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

After an illness of two weeks of typhoid fever, Daniel Keady, the twenty-three-year-old son of John and Mary Keady, of 307 N street northwest, died Thursday night about 10 o'clock at the Georgetown University Hospital, corner Thirty-fifth and N streets northwest.

He was taken ill at his home a little over a week ago, and a few days later, his condition growing worse, he was removed to the hospital. Since last Sunday his condition has been regarded as critical, and his death was expected. Deceased was quite popular in the West End. He was a student at Trinity Parochial School for some years, and also of Georgetown University.

The funeral will take place Monday morning at 8:45 o'clock from his late residence, 307 N street, and at 9 o'clock the remains will be removed to Holy Trinity Church, of which deceased was a member, where requiem mass will be said.

### TO RAZE OLD LANDMARK.

Joseph Fearson, the owner of the old Magruder mansion at 2315 P street northwest, will, the latter part of this month, begin the demolition of same, and erect on the site four modern two-story, bay window brick dwellings. The Magruder mansion is one of Georgetown's old landmarks. The property has a frontage of 81 feet on P street, by a depth of 150. For some years the old house has been in a dilapidated condition and an eyesore.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. H. Clyde Grimes, of 3139 N street northwest, has returned from a ten-day trip to Blument, Va. Mrs. Mitchell Talbot, of Thirty-fourth street northwest, is a patient at Georgetown University Hospital, suffering from typhoid fever.

### ILL ON STREET.

James Fergis was found sick at Fifteenth and G streets northeast about 3:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was sent to the Casualty Hospital. Later he was sent to his home, at 612 Miller's court southwest.

## CITY COUNCIL'S BLUFF WAS QUICKLY CALLED

When the "Gang" in Philadelphia Passed Resolutions to  
Investigate City Departments, Mayor Weaver at Once  
Offered His Hearty Co-operation.

Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, continues to keep things going in the metropolis of "Grattysylvania." The other day the gang in the city councils passed a resolution which was intended to put the ax deep into the mayor's cervical region. It was a cheerful case of Satan rebuking sin, and called for a general investigation of all city bureaus.

The purpose was to make a showing to the discredit of the mayor, concerning conditions in the various executive departments, for which he could be held responsible. Instead of being panic-stricken, the

mayor promptly indorsed the whole movement, and volunteered the use of all the mass of information in his session as a result of his recent delvings into municipal graft. He wanted the council committee to get busy right away, assuring it that nothing would suit him so well as to have its help in taking the town's corruption by the reins. The mayor's enthusiasm was just what the gang didn't expect, and it has made the council which they hadn't bluffed. The Penrose-Durham machine is sadly embarrassed by the mess into which it has gotten itself, and the friends of the reforming mayor are claiming it is the biggest mistake yet made by either city or State organization.

## WEALTHY BROTHER OFFERS HIS AID

Thompson's Suicide May  
Reconcile the Family.

WOULD CARE FOR THE WIDOW

Millionaire Also Willing to Pay the  
Funeral Expense—Sends His  
Condolence.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12.—Costly as is the cause, death may be the means of reuniting the family of Joseph A. Thompson, of 1903 South Hicks street, whose suicide in Fairmount Park, Thursday, revealed his real name to his family and friends, who knew him as Joseph Thomas.

Closely following the telegram of condolence from the dead man's millionaire brother, W. R. Thompson, of Sparkill, N. Y., whom the dead accused of neglect, came another, in which the accused brother offered to pay the funeral expenses of the body of his brother to Pittsburgh and provide for the widow and her four children.

**Widow May Decline.**  
It is probable that the widow will decline the gracious offer, and have her husband buried in Glenwood Cemetery. The body was taken from the morgue to Thompson's home. The funeral services will be held from the house tomorrow or Monday.

Confessions that the suicide played the races and has been drinking heavily were made known to his family, and that he had been plunging heavily on the races, but that he had decided to quit. To make his case stronger, he asked his house agent, Lloyd Beverlin, to make the letters demanding rent money unusually harsh so that they could be forwarded to his rich brother in Pittsburgh.

Members of the dead man's family, excepting his wife, are in ignorance of all the details which prompted the father to lead a double life. At the house yesterday it was said that the estrangement between him and his wealthy Pittsburgh family came as the result of a quarrel, twenty-five years ago, he had with his brother, William, over the life the estranged one had been leading.

Coming to Philadelphia twenty-five years ago, he married his present wife, Katie Spangler. According to her friends, Mrs. Thompson was informed of her husband's death by the birth of the four children, nothing was said of their father's former name.

His wife and child, to visit relatives at Broad Run.

## ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 19.—With rockets shooting in the air and lights burning along the line of march, the session of the State firemen's convention at Harrisonburg, were welcomed to Alexandria last night. The train was scheduled to reach this city at 9 o'clock, but came in an hour late.

The procession moved from the Southern Railway station to King street and then down King street to Fairfax and on Fairfax street to Prince street to the Relief Engine House. The parade was led by Claude L. Pickin, as chief marshal. Then followed open barouches, which were committees from the fire companies as follows: Relief, Mayor Paff, President Park Agnew, J. Trimyer, and C. L. Pickin; Reliance, President L. E. Uhler, C. B. Paff, T. W. Robinson, Thomas Fisher, August Oehlert, J. P. Steiner, and Courtney Acton; Columbia, President William A. Smith, George Uhler, Noble Smith, Frank L. Entwistle, and Joseph B. Drew; Friendship, President E. E. Downham, C. B. Marshall, and G. T. Caton. The board of fire wardens also rode in barouches.

Following the carriages came the Naval Gun Factory band, of Washington, which was awarded first prize for the best band in the parade at Harrisonburg. After the band came the members of the Relief and Reliance companies decked with brooms and carrying red lights. Upon the arrival of the procession at the Relief House the line was broken, and all entered and partook of refreshments.

**HUSTLING FOR VOTES.**  
Interest in the primary next Tuesday increases as the day draws near. The contest for the seat in the house of delegates from this district is attracting a great deal of attention. Both Mr. Caton and Mr. Trimyer are hard at work securing votes, and the result will, it is expected, be very close.

### BRADDOCK HEIGHTS GROWING.

Capt. R. F. Knox has sold since the 1st of April twenty-five lots in Braddock Heights, a suburb of Alexandria. The Heights is rapidly becoming populated, and will soon become a thriving village.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Carroll Woolf, who has been sojourning at Atlantic City, has returned to his home at Braddock Heights.

C. E. Brawner, who was sick at his home on South Pitt street, has recovered sufficiently to be able to go, with

## UNSAFE BOILERS IN OTHER SHIPS

Bennington Affair Caused  
Inquiry.

REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE

Changes Likely to Be Made in Regu-  
lations Affecting Duties of  
Engineer Officers.

The findings of the board of inquiry that investigated the Bennington disaster are expected to be given out on Monday. Since the boilers of the gunboat exploded, killing and wounding so many of the crew, a quiet investigation has been going on to determine the condition of engines and boilers on other ships of the navy. The results have been surprising.

Some unexpected discoveries were made and some rather unpleasant ones. Several vessels have been quietly ordered to navy yards for repairs to their engine room equipment. The names of these vessels are withheld at the Navy Department.

The ships' boilers have been found to be defective and changes are likely to be made in the regulations affecting the duties of deck and engineer officers, which may be made known after the Bennington findings have been published.

Secretary Bonaparte is a believer in legitimate publicity and thinks that the public should take the initiative in furnishing to the press any information that may be properly made public.

## NO MORE COLORED TROOPS IN GEORGIA

Legislative Enactment Does Away With  
Five Military Companies—Is Ap-  
proved by Governor.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 13.—The colored companies of the Georgia State militia were abolished by legislative enactment today. Governor Terrell announced that the measure meets with his approval, and the troops under arms in Georgia will be mustered out of the service before the end of next week.

There are five colored companies in the State, three at Savannah, one at Augusta, and one at Macon. They vary in strength from fifty to sixty men. The reasons for the bill involved both the efficiency of the service and the matter of precedence. Under the terms of the Dick bill some of the colored companies would take precedence over some of the white companies. This was deemed sufficiently objectionable for the senate to pass the measure by a vote of 10 to 6. The act does away with colored troops, both active and retired.

### SENT TO HOSPITAL.

Joseph Day, colored, thirty-six years of age, of 30 Blinnock street northeast, was taken sick at Nineteenth and E streets northeast, about 8:30 o'clock this morning. He was sent to the Casualty Hospital.

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## NOTE: FATHER DEAD SHE TRIES SUICIDE

Beautiful French Girl At-  
tempts to Drown Herself.

SHE NURSED PATIENT ALONE

Dr. Leach's Arsenic Cure Fails to  
Interest New Orleans  
Doctors.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—Of all the stories told of the fever scourge now sweeping the city none is so pathetic as that of Mile. Aldal, a beautiful French girl, eighteen years old, who was caught and restrained when about to throw herself into the river.

The girl was found half-unconscious over the body of her father, Pierre Aldal, who for five years was the musical director in the French Opera House, and who died a victim of the plague.

For five days Mile. Aldal herself had nursed her father. When he died she had not strength to go to a neighbor for assistance.

**Kept Sickness Secret.**

No one knew that the professor had been stricken. The daughter held him close in their apartment lest the health department might tear them apart. He was her only hope in the world, and when he was gone she gathered strength only that she might try to kill herself.

Not the least important of the developments in the yellow fever situation is the refusal so far of the Orleans Parish Medical Society to appoint a committee of physicians to supervise and report on the test on the value of the arsenious acid to prevent fever, as proposed by Dr. Reginald B. Leach, of St. Paul. The society says that Leach only has a theory, and they do not wish to have anything to do with it. A meeting of citizens was held when the society was asked to appoint a committee.

**Outsiders Might Come.**

It has been suggested that a committee of physicians from some outside medical society might come here and make the test in the interest of humanity. Sidney Story is chairman of the citizens' committee petitioning the local doctors. Leach does not claim to have anything but a theory.

The campaign of education has assumed so definite a form that lecturers have been appointed and places of meetings arranged. The women have worked up this campaign, and Mrs. W. J. Behan is the chairman of the federated women's organizations having the matter in hand. Tickets of admission must be had, but they will be given to anyone who applies.

**Italians Chased Out.**

Forty-five Italians arrived in the city last night, having been chased out of Dakar and Zacharie, La., proving that Italians will have a hard time trying to migrate from New Orleans to the country towns in search of work as cotton pickers or on the sugar plantations, as is usual for them to do at this season of the year. There is bound to be some suffering among the people, as they cannot get work in the city, because the banana trade has been entirely annihilated for the present.

**New Cases Reported.**

There were about 20 more new cases reported in the country parishes yesterday, and in the city 62 cases and 4 deaths were reported. Dr. Thomas Stark reports from Thodoudaux that the condition at Leville, Lafourche parish, is not bad, as most of the cases are dengue fever. The population of Leville is about 1,000. It is an oyster fishery on the gulf coast. Inquiries there are about as numerous as they well could be anywhere.

Preparations are being made for the general sulphur fumigation beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. One trouble in the movement is the announcement by a prominent piano manufacturer that sulphur will ruin pianos.

Altogether there have been 1,232 cases of fever and 188 deaths from the disease in the city.

## SENTENCED TO HANG, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 13.—Lambert Niehaus, under sentence to hang Monday next for the murder, last December, of his brother-in-law, Thomas Pfeuger, committed suicide in the city jail early this morning.